

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT - Q67743

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

3. (Amended) The flexible fluorine-containing material of [Claim 1 or 2] Claim 1, wherein said weight ratio (a) (b) is 20 80 to 99 1.

4. (Amended) The flexible fluorine-containing material of [any of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1, wherein the elastomeric fluorine-containing polymer chain segment A contained in the fluorine-containing multi-segment polymer (a) is non-crystalline and has a glass transition temperature of not more than 25°C.

5. (Amended) the flexible fluorine-containing material of [any of Claims 1 to 4] Claim 1, wherein the non-elastomeric fluorine-containing polymer chain segment B contained in the fluorine-containing multi-segment polymer (a) is a polymer chain having a crystalline melting point or glass transition temperature of not less than 150°C.

7. (Amended) The flexible fluorine-containing material of [any of Claims 1 to 6] Claim 1, wherein the elastomeric fluorine-containing polymer chain segment A contained in the fluorine-containing multi-segment polymer (a) is a polymer chain comprising 50 to 85% by mole of tetrafluoroethylene and 15 to 50 % by mole of perfluoro(alkyl vinyl ether) and/or hexafluoropropylene.

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8. (Amended) The flexible fluorine-containing material of [any of Claims 1 to 7] Claim 1, wherein the non-elastomeric fluorine-containing polymer chain segment B contained in the fluorine-containing multi-segment polymer (a) is a polymer chain comprising more than 85% by mole and not more than 100 % by mole of tetrafluoroethylene and 0 % by mole or less than 15 % by mole of a compound of the formula (1):



wherein R_f^1 is CF_3 or OR_f^2 is a perfluoroalkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms.

9. (Amended) The flexible fluorine-containing material of [any of Claims 1 to 8] Claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing resin (b) is one or more members selected from perfluoro fluorine-containing resins.

11. (Amended) The flexible -containing material of [any of Claims 1 to 10] Claim 1, wherein a proportion of the non-elastomeric fluorine-containing polymer chain segment B contained in the fluorine-containing multi-segment polymer (a) is not more than 25 % by weight based on the whole segment polymer (a).

Claims 12-14 are added as new claims.